

MEET TO NAME MEN OF ACTION AS "BOOSTERS"

Shippers' Association Directors Will Select Committees Tomorrow.

ALL ENTHUSED FOR GREATER WASHINGTON

Quick Results Expected to Follow Combined Efforts of Hustling Business Men.

The appointment at tomorrow's meeting of the board of directors of the Jobbers and Shippers' Association of the standing committees will mark the final step in the organization of this latest agency in the fight for the commercial advancement of Washington. The committees named and themselves organized the active work of the association will be begun.

Charles J. Bell, president, and Ross P. Andrews, vice president of the association, are both out of the city, and Milton E. Ailes, one of the directors, will preside at tomorrow's meeting. Mr. Ailes is acting as president, in the absence of Mr. Bell and Mr. Andrews. The committees will not be named arbitrarily by the presiding officer, but the entire board will have a voice in the selection.

Entire City Interested.

Rapid progress has already been made. With actual work started only about three weeks ago, an active and loyal membership of over 100 has already been secured, and applications continue to come in by every mail. The entire city has become interested in the movement and everywhere the cheeriest confidence in its ultimate success is expressed. The association's slogan, "Greater Washington; Give It a Boost," is finding its echo among all classes of the population. A degree of local civic patriotism, undreamed of as possible in the past, is making its appearance on every hand.

The railroads have expressed a willingness to co-operate with the association in securing such rates and freight facilities as will place the city on an even plane of vantage with other shipping and jobbing points in this section of the country. The leading members of the association have declared their full confidence in the sincerity of these railroad promises. The universal testimony of all those largely engaged in jobbing and shipping in Washington is that the most serious handicap to the growth and prosperity of their business is the delay in the delivery of shipments to the South through Alexandria and over the line of the Pennsylvania railroad to that point.

Expect Speedy Results.

Against the Pennsylvania much indignation has been expressed, but in the calmer judgment of many business men the situation is due to a failure on the part of the Pennsylvania powers that be to understand the needs of the freight situation here and appreciate the growing volume of Washington's business. These men think the evil conditions will be remedied as soon as the attention of the Pennsylvania is called to the facts in the case by an association so large and influential as that just organized.

With this coming relief—and the association confidently hopes it will be removed—the purpose will be to secure a daily freight service to points along the lines of the Southern railway, in Virginia. This is all naturally Washington's territory, and there is abundant evidence there would be no difficulty in controlling its jobbing trade if decent freight facilities were afforded. The business men in these towns like to come to Washington and to buy their goods in Washington. They will buy their goods here if they are given opportunities to do so on an even basis with other cities. They will not buy goods here if their shipments are delayed for days.

Work in Dull Season.

These are matters the association will take up within the next few weeks. The dull season is coming and the relief that is sought may be secured—and it is hoped, will be secured—before the active resumption of business in the fall. With shipping facilities at their best, the campaign for increased trade will be prosecuted vigorously.

The association has already aroused a public spirit that has been sadly lacking in Washington and vastly needed. It is a popular and representative body of men that, in the opinion of wise and conservative citizens, will accomplish much for the city.

The meeting tomorrow is the final milestone on the first stage of the long journey to commercial prosperity.

OVERCOME WITH HEAT; ITALIAN LABORER DIES

Roccoco Sica, of 28 Wonder court, an Italian laborer, was overcome by the heat yesterday afternoon and died at 10 o'clock last night. He was attended by Dr. Lucas.

All in Readiness For Great Conference



PRINCESS CHIMAY, ONCE CLARA WARD, REPORTED DEAD

Famous Beauty's Stormy Career of Love Ended in Squalor.

LONDON, July 21.—The light edition of the Evening News prints a report from its Paris correspondent that Clara Ward, formerly the Princess de Chimay, is dead in the French capital. It gives no details as to where she died or the cause of her death.

Up to the present time it has been impossible to secure confirmation of the news report.

With the death of Princess de Chimay, formerly Clara Ward, of Detroit, one of the most remarkable careers in the history of recent years comes to an end. Although only thirty-five years old, the princess' life was so tumultuous that in the last five years she had aged perceptibly. She squandered thousands of francs on beauty doctors and once nearly ruined her face by submitting to having a permanent blush tattooed on each cheek. In the last few months she had failed steadily.

A Daughter of Michigan.

She was the daughter of Capt. Eben Ward, a Michigan lumber millionaire, and was one of fourteen children. In her school days she was declared to be the prettiest child in Detroit. In 1889, following a term in a British boarding school, she was introduced to society and met her first husband, Prince Joseph de Caraman-Chimay, a member of the Belgian house of representatives. They were married in Paris, May 23, 1890, and immediately began to cut a wide swath in society. Clara having a fortune of \$2,000,000 in her own right, and expending it in the most lavish manner.

Prince Chimay Too Icy.

To a reporter who asked her how she could have left her cultured husband for the ignorant Rigo, she replied: "Prince Chimay was a gentleman, and, although I liked him well enough, I never loved him. He was of such an icy nature that I felt I could not live with him and be happy."

Rigo and the princess traveled throughout Europe, and finally took up their residence in the hut of Rigo's family near Pagoda, Hungary. The prince got a divorce and the custody of the children, who are now with him at his palace near Brussels. The princess, although officially divorced of her title, since the courts had awarded alimony to the prince out of the remains of her fortune. She once again shocked society by going on the stage with Rigo.

The couple traveled over England and the Continent, and three years ago she met her latest gallant, Ricciardi, a railroad porter. She and Rigo were leaving a train at a station near Rome, when she saw the porter eating his lunch. She asked him to carry the luggage to the hotel. Rigo tipped him. Two days later she fled with the porter to Paris. Since then she had lived with him on an allowance granted by one of her American uncles in the French capital.

DELEGATES TO THE PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS

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| 1—Dr. L. L. Rowe, America. | 8—Secretary Root, America. |
| 2—Joaquin Nabuco, Brazil. | 9—Senor Corea, Nicaragua. |
| 3—Edmund James, America. | 10—Minister de Obaldia, Panama. |
| 4—Minister Calvo, Costa Rica. | 11—Senor Quesada, Cuba. |
| 5—Senor Larinaga, Porto Rico. | 12—Senor Portela, Argentina. |
| 6—Senor Mendoza, Colombian Minister. | 13—J. N. Leger, Haiti. |
| 7—Senor Don Casasus, Mexican Ambassador. | 14—Minister Walker-Martinez, Chile. |

STRUGGLING HARD, THAW PINS HOPE ON NEW WITNESS

NEW YORK, July 21.—For a second time within a week Mrs. William Thaw appealed to her son, Harry K. Thaw, who is confined in the Tombs prison, charged with the murder of Stanford White, to take the advice of her attorneys, forget his defense theory of justification and the "unwritten law," and submit to an examination as to his sanity.

Mrs. Thaw failed as dismally today as she had earlier in the week, for young Thaw had just heard of some new witnesses whose testimony, he thinks, will help his case, and had been encouraged by a conference with his personal attorney. The elder Mrs. Thaw did not cry over his stubbornness today, as she had on the occasion of her last visit, and Thaw's sister, Mrs. George Lauder Carnegie, kept her composure.

Mother Determined.

It was reported that part of the pressure Mrs. Thaw would bring to bear on her son would be cutting off his allowance. Her promises of today are not taken to mean any change of front on her part. She is convinced, it is said, that the law can be invoked to have Thaw's sanity tested whether he likes it or not.

A new witness, Mrs. Ida Vera Simon, cropped out in the case today. She declares that she went abroad as an emissary of Stanford White. Her purpose, she says, was to persuade Evelyn Nesbit to abandon Thaw and return to the protection of White in this city.

Mrs. Simon is one of several witnesses who are expected to appear at the trial.

Delegates Reach Rio Janeiro For Opening of Pan-American Congress.

Cable dispatches from Rio Janeiro last night announced that all the American delegates, save one, to the Pan-American conference, had arrived in that city and were ready for the calling of the convention in the capital of the South American republic Monday. The one delegate is Van Leer Polk, of Tennessee, who went by way of Southampton, and, by the delay of a train, missed steamer connections. He is expected to join his companions by the middle of the week.

All the South American delegates have been on hand several days, and many Latin-American diplomats who are accredited to Washington will be present at the opening sessions of the congress. A number are delegates, while still others have been authorized by their countries to attend merely as spectators. Inasmuch as members of the Bureau of American Republics in Washington with frequent conferences on questions affecting all parts of the western hemisphere that were expected to come up at this congress.

Secretary of State Root, according to yesterday's dispatches, has arrived at Pernambuco on the cruiser Charleston, making a slow and leisurely voyage down the coast. He has well timed himself so as not to arrive at the Brazilian capital till the congress is organized, the opening speeches have been made, and the deliberations of the great body are well under way. This was done in order that he might not be drawn into the conference in a light that might seem to be too conspicuous. Although, so far as is known, there has been no change in the program that was drawn up in Washington last spring, it is thought in official and diplomatic circles in Washington that the developments of the past month or so in Central America will lead up to an interesting discussion of the political conditions of those countries.

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DOUMA IS OVER; CZAR DISSOLVES HIS PARLIAMENT

ST. PETERSBURG, July 22.—(3:30 a. m.)—The czar has dissolved the duma.

This means that the next few days of the empire's progress will be marked with much trouble, and the end is by no means in sight.

The czar, by means of the rule of force, is at the present moment in control, but what the outcome will be no one can forecast.

Cossacks, infantry, and cavalry are fraternizing on the streets of the city this morning, and all are willing to do what they can for the party in power, but the general belief is that from now on it will be the decree of force rather than the persuasion of words.

Regiments Pouring Into St. Petersburg.

Since noon of Saturday regiment after regiment of infantry has filed into the city and has as silently taken up the place assigned to it by the commanding officers. What it means no one knows, but the inference is that the "powers that be" are preparing for a conflict with anyone that may dispute the "power of the czar."

It is announced that the date of the general strike has been set for August 15 by the Union of Unions. Why this delay is deemed necessary is at present unknown, as all of the leaders of the general union are compelled to remain behind their subordinates because of the instructions issued to the police to arrest all of them who can be found.

It can be stated upon the authority of a member of the court that, although the victory of the reactionaries seems at present to be complete, neither the Socialists nor Terrorists have accepted the situation.

HOOE TELLS ALL TO PROSECUTOR OF CONSPIRACY

Negro Coachman Makes Clean Breast to Pittsburgh District Attorney.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 21.—That Clifford Hooe, former negro coachman for Augustus Hartje, millionaire paper manufacturer of Pittsburgh, who is suing his wife for divorce and the custody of two beautiful children, framed up his story regarding his alleged relations with Mrs. Hartje, and that Hartje, his brother Edward, and John L. Welshons were present and encouraged him to get away from Pittsburgh, was one of the sensations disclosed by the district attorney today.

Another was a sensational report that Augustus Hartje, unable to stand the strain and being tired of being shunned by former friends and hissed and hooted on the streets and in street cars, had sent a bullet into his brain. For a time this report spread like wildfire, and at every place it was sprung every person said that he was glad of it. But Hartje did not commit suicide, and says he is not even thinking about ending his life.

Mrs. Hartje Collapses.

The third feature was that Mrs. Hartje collapsed today for the first time since the famous trial began, when she was told that she must watch closely her children, because efforts would likely be made to kidnap them.

The Hooe statement, which comes from the District Attorney is most startling in its details. Hooe says that he was working for a man and that Welshons sent for him and asked him if he wanted a job. He said that he did and then Welshons began treating him like a brother and finally told him that if he would make certain statements regarding the conduct of Mrs. Hartje he (Welshons) would land a big contract from Hartje. Hooe declares that he was encouraged and aided in getting together his lie by Welshons, who is now also shunned by his business associates.

Negro's Tale Pleases Hartje.

The remarkable part of a lengthy document is that Hooe says he told that most thrilling story regarding his relations with Mrs. Hartje in the presence of her husband and that instead of knocking him down, or killing him, as the negro said he expected Hartje would do, Hartje grasped him by the hand, almost kissed him and seemed delighted. It was then that it was agreed Hooe should get away from Pittsburgh. He says he shook Hartje and Welshons down for about \$500 before he was caught and that if he had not been picked up by detectives, he would have gotten more and that if Hartje won his case, he was to get a lump sum. He brings his statement to a close by declaring that he connected the entire story, encouraged by the Hartjes and

WOMAN FALLS TO HER DEATH; POLICE BAFFLED

Miss Lena Eibner Found Unconscious at Foot of Stairs in Her Home.

AMBULANCE CALLED, EXPIRES AT HOSPITAL

No One Saw Accident and Aged Mother Too Much Shocked to Discuss Tragedy.

Unfathomable mystery surrounds the tragic death of Miss Lena Eibner, who was found bleeding and dying at the foot of the staircase in her home at 709 L street northwest yesterday evening, and died later in the night at the Homeopathic Hospital, to which institution she had been hurriedly sent in an ambulance.

Miss Eibner was thirty-two years old. She lived with her mother and brother at their home, and she was alone in the house with her mother, who, bowed down by the weight of years, occupies an invalid's bed. Her brother is Prof. F. Eibner, a well-known musician of this city, who is now in Jackson Springs, N. C.

When discovered yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock at the bottom of the flight of stairs, Miss Eibner was lying in a pool of blood, with deep gashes in her head and bruises about her body. The steps and sides of the wall leading from the second story, from which she is thought to have stumbled and tripped on a piece of torn carpet, were blood stained.

Mother Is Reticent.

Mrs. Eibner, the mother of the young woman, refused to say anything that would throw any light on the causes leading up to her daughter's tragic fall down the staircase. She is feeble in mind and body. When the daughter failed to respond to the repeated calls of her mother, the latter left her room and as she started down the stairway saw her lying almost prostrate at the bottom. Mrs. Eibner screamed loudly for help, and then fell in a faint.

The screams were heard by a next door neighbor, who, accompanied by Policeman Lee, entered the house. When Mrs. Eibner revived, she could say nothing and for some time was unable to speak. Mrs. Eibner is a German and does not speak English fluently. An inquirer endeavored to draw from her a statement of what she was not communicative and asked the police to excuse her.

She declared that she did not hear her daughter fall down the stairs, despite the fact that when the policeman entered the building the daughter was groaning in agony.

The police were unable to learn last night if another person was at the Eibner residence yesterday afternoon when the fatal fall down the steps occurred.

When she was taken to the hospital the physicians administered powerful restoratives, thinking that Miss Eibner's life might be saved, or at least that a dying statement might be elicited from her. But she never regained consciousness. Miss Eibner's greatest injury was a depressed fracture of the skull. Concussion of the brain resulted, and her death came at 10 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Eibner Ill.

Mrs. Eibner was reported last night to be in a precarious condition, and she has not been apprised of the death of her daughter. The doctors fear that in her weakened condition from shock the news of her girl's death would kill her. She is under the constant care of a physician, and not permitted to see anyone.

Inquest Tomorrow.

Deputy Coroner Glazebrook was notified last night of Miss Eibner's death and will hold an inquest tomorrow morning to investigate the causes leading up to Miss Eibner's death, and with a hope of solving the mystery. The police were willing last night to accept the theory that Miss Eibner's fall down the steps was purely an accident. An examination was made of the premises and the particular place where the young woman was found.

Neighbors, when interviewed about the affair, scouted the rumor that Miss Eibner's tragic fall came after a quarrel with her sweetheart. They said no one leaving the premises during that period.

Prof. Eibner was notified last night of his sister's death and will arrive in Washington tomorrow morning to make final arrangements for the funeral, which will probably occur Tuesday.